

Claim Amendments:

1. (Original) Filter unit for filter-cigarettes containing tobacco body and filter-tip, characterized in that it contains wood cuttings of a particle size of 0.2-1.2 mm impregnated with sodium chloride solution.
2. (Original) Filter unit according to claim 1, characterized in that the wood cutting is impregnated with a solution of 20-40% sodium chloride and 80-60% of water.
3. (Currently Amended) Filter unit according to claim[s 1 or] 2, characterized in that it contains the wood cutting in a loose form.
4. (Currently Amended) Filter unit according to claim [1 or] 2, characterized in that it contains wood cutting particles (9) arranged on a rib (8) made of cellulose acetate.
5. (Currently Amended) Filter cigarette containing tobacco body, filter-tip and a filter unit according to [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 4], characterized in that the filter unit (5) is between the filter-tip (4) and the tobacco body (1).
6. (Original) Filter cigarette unit according to claim 5, characterized in that the filter unit (5) is between two parts of the filter-tip (4).
7. (Currently Amended) Filter cigarette according to claim [5 or] 6, characterized in that the filter unit (5) is separated from the filter-tip (4) and/or from the tobacco body (1) by a web (6).
8. (New) Filter cigarette according to claim 5, characterized in that the filter unit (5) is separated from the filter-tip (4) and/or from the tobacco body (1) by a web (6).
9. (New) Filter unit according to claim 1, characterized in that it contains the wood cutting in a loose form.

10. (New) Filter unit according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that it contains wood cutting particles (9) arranged on a rib (8) made of cellulose acetate.